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LOCAL JOTTINGS

YOU, personally are invited to the Patriotic House on Monday Dec. 27th, Opera House.

Mrs. W. E. Hymas of Rockyford, left this week on an extended visit to her old home at York, Neb.

Mrs. P. Nelson Rose returned on Friday evening from a very pleasant six months trip to California.

Mr and Mrs A. Thorsen and family left this week on a three months visit to their old home in Wisconsin.

Has your boy gone to the front? If not help to cheer someone else's boy. Mother, sister, will do not do your share?

The Pioneer meat market have had the interior of their store painted this week which gives it quite a bright and neat appearance.

Mr Van Tighem has recently exchanged his Ford for a real automobile, having traded with Mr Astor Pearson for a handsome Hudson.

Get busy on your Wall Papers. My new patterns are moving rapidly. C. W. Chase.

Quite a number of the citizens of Strathmore and district accepted of the invitation to visit the Strathmore Public and High Schools on Tuesday morning.

Mrs Cornbrough, who has been attending her mother Mrs Wilkins, during her sickness for the past week or so, returned to her home at Calgary on Saturday.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment in connection with the Methodist Sunday School will be held on Friday evening in the church.

Christmas services in Norwegian at the Harvest school house on Thursday, Dec 30th at noon. Communion services in the evening.

Arnt Vaaler, Pastor.

Changes in the Bank of Commerce staff here have been made. Mr H. J. Harrison, former ledger keeper having been transferred to Glenora and his place being filled by Mr J. F. Galbraith of Higgis, Sask.

Special Christmas services will be held in the Methodist Church on Sunday next. In the morning a bright, cheerful Christmas service with sermon will be held, and it is hoped that a special effort will be made by the people to turn out to the morning service. The evening service will take the form of a song service, when the Cantata "Under the Palms" will be rendered by an augmented choir.

Mrs. Henry Platt and Miss Taylor spent Friday and Saturday in Calgary.

Another of those delightful, fascinating Patriotic House will be given in the Opera House on Monday Dec 27th.

U. F. A.

The Annual meeting to elect officers will be held in the Town Hall on Friday Dec. 24th. Delegates to the Annual Convention, will be elected at this meeting. Every farmer come.

What are you doing to give the soldiers a little more comfort at Christmas time. Do your little bit. Call at the office of the Patriotic Society and see how you can help.

We will decorate your Xmas Cake artistically which will add to the joy of your Yuletide, at a reasonable charge. The Bakery

The Women's Patriotic Society are making a special effort to ship a large bundle of shirts for the soldiers at the front by the 15th of January. These shirts are at present all cut ready for sewing and the ladies of the town and country are requested to call at the office and take home with them as many as they think it can make up.

Yes, they do give a 75c meal or 35c, put up by a first class white chef at the Maple Leaf Hotel.

Mr and Mrs Chas A. Butler and family, of Pentiction, B. C. were visitors to Strathmore for a few days last week, being the guests of Mr and Mrs Frank Butler. They left on Friday for Toronto where they will visit friends and relatives for the next two months.

Mr Seales disposed of his large English billiard table this week to Mr Roland Hill, who has had it moved into his pool room. Mr Seales is contemplating commencing in the barber business exclusively on his own account in Strathmore in the near future.

We expect a car of apples in by Monday Dec 27th, 1915. Get your winter supply from the Bakery, at a very low rate.

Dr C. H. Gruener, who last summer enjoyed a large practise as a veterinary surgeon in Strathmore, writes to ask us to inform the people of Strathmore that he is at present in private practise at Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, and that he has not been intended as has been the general impression around Strathmore. He further states that our courts are available to him as long as he conforms to our laws and orders, without regard to his nationality.

Greeting.

Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace:
East, West, North and South let the long quarrel cease;
Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,
Sing of glory to God and of goodwill to man!

W. H. Miller.

May the spirit of Christmas
possess all our readers, swelling
their hearts with the gladness
of life and returning to them the
rich and enduring rewards of
neighborliness of act and thought.

Strathmore Standard

School Concert

The school concert given by the pupils of the Strathmore Public and High School in the Opera House on Friday evening, was a source of much merit, enjoyment and laughter. Although it is somewhat of an innovation in Strathmore, yet this initiation along the line of a school concert will live in the memories of all those present, and it will be looked forward to with interest, as the event, which we trust will become an annual one, rolls around.

The Opera House was crowded. The chairs from the Methodist church had been brought over in the afternoon and even at that seating capacity was all too small, quite a number found seats in improvised places and a large number had to stand throughout over a three hour programme.

The chairman, Mr Sly, who was taking the place of Mr Lily—the offering from an attack of the Patriotic Grippe—filled the bill to a nice, hand-picked bouquet to the staff of the school and all concerned very liberally. He stated in his opening remarks that Strathmore would within five years become the educational centre of this district and he thought that the most profitable feature was that of our High School—pupils coming from quite a distance to take of the opportunities afforded in this direction at Strathmore.

He called upon the principal, Mr Nidridge, to announce the class honors for the term, but Mr Nidridge thought that the program would be long enough without this and stated that he expected that the full list would be published in the next issue of the Standard. He however, thanked all those who had the oversight of the workings of the school, for they had shown him every con-

sideration, and today everything in connection with school affairs was working most harmoniously. He also spoke a few words of encouragement to the pupils and ended his remarks with words of this effect: "It's a fine thing to learn to do arithmetic, and to read and write, but there is something grander than these, and that is, to take part in a society, not the society that is noted for its long tailed coats and silk gowns, but a society that has for its whole and sole aim the bringing about of a universal brotherhood of man. Mars will soon have sated his thirst for blood and the dogs of war will have run their chase, and stop to pant. It is then that there will be need of men and women to take part in this society to shake hands with men from every zone and call him brother."

A chorus "O Canada" was then very enthusiastically rendered by the whole school, followed by a recitation "Raggedy Molly" by a little girl, who with an old rag doll did full justice to her little piece. The dialogue "The Crying Family," was the next item, given by a number of boys and girls, which gave an example of how the outlook upon life could be changed by the thought of Christmas. An instrumental duet given by Janet North and Dorothy Hall was very acceptable, which was followed by a song beautifully rendered by Helen McNair. The dialogue "Every Child" was perhaps the most classical item staged that evening. The idea represented was that of a young person starting out in life and trying to persuade joy, happiness and other kindred spirits to be her companions through life. The characters that came into view represented education, toil and helpfulness and the end of it all was that joy, happiness and kindred spirits came through obedience to education and arduous toil. This was followed by an instrumental duet by two male students, Edward and Thelma Elford, upon the execution of which some very favor-

able comment was passed by the chairman. Miss Sarah Miller then gave a recitation "Christmas," which was given with a grace and ease that is often lacking in the extemporaneous of maturer years. Another instrumental solo by Dorothy Hall went to prove that in Strathmore there is to be developed a type of pianist, which is, and will become, a credit to this community. This was followed by a song and chorus given by the primary class, which was given and noted as only children of that age can give. There was a brief intermission at this juncture to allow of the audience to purchase candies at the booth which was in evidence at the end of the hall and which was so well patronized, that, despite the fact that there was a large supply, it proved all too small to satisfy the cravings of the people along this line.

After the intermission, Mrs Allen, whose training of the children in the Maypole Drill has been commented upon in these columns recently, very kindly had the remarkable performance repeated, and introduced a few new features, which were well received. The children executed their part magnificently. The limelight was brought into play as before and the whole effect was very pretty. The applause was hearty and inspiring. This was followed by an instrumental duet by the Lillidahl Girls, who have recently come to reside here from Weisskwin, or of whom is a gold medalist. They are proving to be quite an acquisition to our High School. The dialogue, "The Patent Right Man" represented a picture which, perhaps, has been too rare in Alberta, but which is becoming more common amongst our farmers of today—and that is—of how a farmer put it over one of those sleek, smooth, travelling salesmen, who have been in the habit of inducing the farmer to part with his hard earned money for trinkets of no commercial value. The two characters were well represented by Frank Imlay and Vergil Ekstrom. Miss Mathews Miller then favored us with a recitation "The Inventor's Wife" in good style, and received well merited applause. A song with chorus "Christmas Belis," was rendered by a large number of the children (this was accompanied by instrumental music). The dialogue "The troubles of a Peach Pie Baker," given by Benjamin Newman and Kathleen Clave, was a striking illustration of the inconstancy of women, and provoked much laughter. The trio "Jingle Bells," given by three small boys was a scream, the originality with which this performance was given was very effective and brought down the house. By far the most classical and difficult instrumental that was given during the evening was that which was rendered by Miss Romaine Fox, on whose ability in this direction there can be no doubt. This was followed by a song "The Little Black Lamb," by Irene Crossley. The recitation "Rejected," by Edward Elford, seemed to strike a responsive chord in the hearts of some of the young men present, judging by the applause given and the comments of

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School Meeting

A regular meeting of the School Trustees was held in the Town Hall, Strathmore, on Tuesday evening of last week. Trustees present being: Mrs. Givins and Messrs. Sly and Lilly. Mr. Niddrie, Principal, was also in attendance.

A number of accounts were passed and ordered to be paid. It was decided to close the schools on Wednesday December the 22nd inst., and reopen on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1916.

A communication was received from Miss Martin resigning her position as teacher and asking to be relieved at the beginning of the new term, if possible. Miss Martin having accepted a position as teacher at her home town school. The resignation was accepted with regret, and the Trustees decided to relieve Miss Martin at the beginning of the new term.

A question of a successor to Miss Martin was then taken up and it was decided to get into touch with the Inspector of Schools and obtain his assistance in this matter. Mr. Sly reported that on visiting the Schools lately he had observed certain defects in ventilation and heating. The matter was referred to Principal Niddrie. He to have same attended to.

On the motion of Mr. Sly it was unanimously decided to pay an additional sum of \$9.00 to square accounts incurred in connection with the room in the tower.

This concluding the business of the evening, the meeting adjourned.

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Nightingale Notes

The annual meeting of the Nightingale entertainment committee was held in the Hall on Tuesday, December 14th. The financial statement was read by the secretary and was declared to be very satisfactory. The net earnings for the year amounted to \$315 and the liabilities at Dec. 1st were \$278.60. A large proportion of the proceeds was raised by the ladies namely: \$132.00, for which the thanks of the committee were heartily expressed. The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the following: G. Thurston, president; C. Jukes, vice-president; A. McLean Jr., secretary, with an executive committee of four ladies and four gentlemen.

It was decided to form a membership list which is open to all adults. All those becoming members have the privilege of voting. The fee is one dollar per year for both ladies and gentlemen, which is payable on the first of January in each year. A list of those eligible in the neighborhood are asked to sign up.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson and family expect to leave on Friday for the States.

A Patriotic Meeting is to be held in the Hall on Wednesday Dec. 22nd, when J. P. McArthur, M. P., is expected to address the gathering.

A dance will be given in the Hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 29th. Everybody welcome.

President of U. F. A. of Alberta Dies from Pneumonia.

James Speakman, president of the U. F. A. died Tuesday afternoon about 1 o'clock after an illness which only lasted for less than a week, and which was not considered serious at any time until Monday. The cause of his death was pneumonia with complications of the heart.

The late Mr. Speakman was one of the best known public men in the province, having been associated with farmers movements ever since he homesteaded near Penhold twenty-five years ago,

and ever since the organization of the United Farmers of Alberta he has been an office holder, with the exception of a few years when he was unable to accept office.

He is survived by Mrs. Speakman, who is also in ill-health, and three sons, one of whom lives in Penhold, one in Calgary and a third at Winnipeg.

The late Mr. Speakman was well known to the citizens of Strathmore and the farmers of the district, only a short time ago he addressed the local organization of the U. F. A. and also presided in the Methodist Church the following evening. His ministrations were much appreciated.

Local Briefs

A meeting of the Women's Patriotic society on Tuesday it was decided to close the office until Wednesday January 5th.

Santa Claus is making his usual rounds these days. He visited the Public Schools, Strathmore on Tuesday afternoon, and also to the Presbyterian Church in the evening. He will pay a visit to the Methodist Church on Friday evening and he intends to visit the Namaka Colony next week. Instead of his usual mode of travel, that of reindeer and sleigh, he is now using a Ford. Even Santa finds that he has to keep abreast of the times.

Christmas Greetings.

To the People of
Strathmore and District
We Wish A Merry
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"THE TAKING OF THE GUNS"

The charge of the Ninth Lancers against German guns in the neighborhood of Mons during the early days of the British operations at the front will live in history among the most heroic deeds of our army. It will also live in poetry, like the Balaklava charge, for William Watson has made it the subject of some stirring lines. "At the cannon in embankment our horsemen spurred, knights of liberty, glory's sons, and slew the gunners beside their guns." The Ninth Lancers had been covering the retreat of the infantry when they were told by their colonel that eleven German guns, on the outskirts of a wood about a mile away, must be taken, and the bugle sounded for the charge. The Lancers dashed forward amid a hail of shrapnel and bullets, riding down the enemy's infantry. As they approached the guns, many of the gunners ran into the woods, but those who remained were not to blame. After setting the guns out of action, the Lancers rode back under a fierce fire from other guns on their flank.

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